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1.	On 8 May 1952, an HMB propaganda group, composed of 8 Filipinos and 2 Chinese, held a public meeting in the vicinity of Calumsa (sic), Laguna, at which they exhorted local residents to renounce the Government Administration of President Quirino and to cooperate with the HMB movement in its efforts to purge the Philippines of American imperialists.
2.	In the course of their speeches, the HMB propagandists alleged that the US and Philippine Governments have adopted a bilateral trade agreement under which all copra produced in the Philippines will be shipped to the US. It was stated that the US has used this trade agreement as a lever to force the price of copra down to the point where the Philippine Government is now faced with bankruptcy.
3.	In summarizing their descriptions of prevailing conditions in the Philippine copra market, the HMB propagandists declared that economic conditions in the Philippines would be greatly improved if the nation would ship all the copra which it produces to markets throughout the world.
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Comment. Source gave no additional identifying information on the HMB propaganda group, nor did he include any further information on the two Chinese to indicate whether they were former residents of the area, whether they spoke the local dialects, or whether they appeared to be regularly associated with the HMB unit.

No bilateral trade agreement on copra of the type described is known to exist between the US and the Philippines.

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Comment. This HMB propaganda line is proving extremely effective at the present time, presumably because the price of Philippine copra has in fact reached a new low which has resulted in the discharge of workers in the industry. In the absence of effective counter-propaganda, Filipino peasants generally are inclined

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